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Medical Officer of Health (Temporary) :

R. H. TITCOMBE, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Vict.)

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector :

JOHN A. THOMPSON, A.R. San. I.

DISLEY,
July 3rd, 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the
New Mills Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1937.

Section A—Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres) 5,204

Registrar General's estimate of residential population (mid-year, 1937) 8,293

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1937) 2,497

Rateable Value, £43,282

Sum represented by a penny rate, £167

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are textile and metal working

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

		Total	M	F
Live Births	{ Legitimate	... 113	54	59
	{ Illegitimate	... None		

Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population, 13·63

		Total	M	F
Still Births	{ Legitimate	... 6	3	3
	{ Illegitimate	... 2	1	1

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 66·12

		Total	M	F
Deaths	... ..	107	55	52

Death rate per 1,000 of estimated population, 12·79

Deaths from Puerperal causes	... ..	...	...	...	0
Puerperal Sepsis	... ..	...	...	...	2
Other Puerperal Causes	... ..	...	...	...	0
Total					2

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 16·53

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

All infants per 1,000 live births	... ..	53·09
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births...		53·09
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	... ..	7
„ „ Measles (all ages)...	... ..	0
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	... ..	0
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	... ..	2

Section B – General Provisions of Health Services for the Area.

As in previous reports

Ambulance Facilities.

Infectious Diseases.

One Ambulance provided by the Isolation Hospital at Chinley.

Non-Infectious Cases.

Maternity Cases.

Two Ambulance vehicles and one driver maintained by Voluntary Public Subscriptions.

Section C - Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.

A Booster has been installed to supply water to the High Lea Area, which previously had an intermittent supply. Further extensions of the mains (which is contemplated) from the area served by the Booster, will give a better supply to the Chapel Street Area.

A large number of houses in New Mills are supplied from wells, of which a list has been compiled. The importance of connecting these houses to the public supply when available has been stressed.

Drainage and Sewage.

Owing to continued reports from the Mersey and Irwell Joint Committee that the effluents from the Moseley Bottom Sewage Disposal Works were unsatisfactory, an investigation was made resulting in the Council giving instructions for the preparation of a scheme of improvement and enlargement. This scheme is now in course of preparation.

Rivers and Streams.

Pollution is controlled by the appropriate authorities.

Closet Accommodation.

No conversions to the water-carriage system.

Number of Closets of each type remaining at the end of the year 1937 :

Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	1296
Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	...	37
Privy-middens	...	...	...	...	...	31
Waste Water and Trough Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	525

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is appended.

- (a) 173 inspections were made of dairies, houses, slaughter-houses, sanitary arrangements, etc.
- (b) 7 informal and (nil) statutory notices were served.
- (c) 169 nuisances were abated with or without notices.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Number of Council houses infested	...	...	...	Nil
Other houses infested	...	...	...	5

(These houses are to be demolished and treated with "Cimex" prior to demolition.)

Schools.

The sanitary condition of the Schools was satisfactory.

With reference to Infections Diseases, affected Schools were visited, 'Contacts' swabbed, and disinfection of premises carried out as required.

Section D—Housing.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	336
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose...					356
(2) (a)	Number of Dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	...	...	...	288
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose...					316
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...	...	...	...	} under consideration	
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices :

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	15
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :

There were no proceedings under the Housing Act, 1936, nor under the Public Health Acts.

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV.—Overcrowding :

(a) (1) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year	38
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	38
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	227
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	0
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	24
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	151

An Inspector was employed by the Council for a short period during the year to obtain full details of working class houses, and as a result of his survey a special report was placed before the Health Committee.

Section E—Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

89 Milk samples were taken for bacteriological examination for Tubercle Bacilli. 6 samples contained Tubercle Bacilli and the infected cattle were slaughtered.

Meat and other Foods.

The Meat Inspector reports as follows :

The following carcasses were killed and examined in the Slaughter-houses of New Mills :

Beef	955
Cows	0
Calves... ..	4
Sheep and Lambs	3,600
Pigs	185

No carcasses were condemned.

Mr. Charles E. Hall, M.R.C.V.S., reports that it is a record year, such as has not occurred before during the 11 years in which he has been Meat Inspector.

The Slaughter-houses, bakehouses, etc., were duly inspected by the Sanitary Inspector.

Section F—Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

Certain infectious diseases have been prevalent this year, Diphtheria with an incidence of 8·44 per 1,000 of the population, Scarlet Fever with an incidence of 8·08 per 1,000 of the population.

Dr. Pemberton, who was Medical Officer of Health until the end of 1937, informs me that the following measures were taken to combat the increased incidence. The Council undertook to defray the expense of prophylactic material used in their District, and with the collaboration of the Assistant County Medical Officer of Health for Derbyshire, the children in all Schools were swabbed and all contacts were swabbed by their respective Doctors. Schools were disinfected both during holidays and in term time. Contacts were isolated either at home or in Hospital. School closure was not advocated by the County Authority and certainly automatic closure during the holidays did not check the incidence of infectious disease.

There was an epidemic of Influenza in the earlier part of the year, which fortunately was of a mild type.

The death rate was ·36 per 1,000, therefore less than the average for England and Wales (·45).

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1937.

Disease	No of cases notified	Removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	67	50	2
Diphtheria	70	57	
Erysipelas... ..	3	1	
Pneumonia	13		

Analysis of Notified Cases during 1937, under Age Groups.

Disease	under 1 year	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	Total
Scarlet Fever ...		3	7	5	30	12	6	4				67
Diphtheria ...			2	5	40	17	2	1	3			70
Pneumonia ...				1	2			1	3	5	1	13
Erysipelas (one age unknown)									1	1		3

Tuberculosis. New Cases and Mortality during 1937.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		non-Respiratory		Respiratory		non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1			1				1	
5			1					
15				1				
25		1						
35	1	2			1	1		
45		1			1			
55	1				1			
65 and upwards								
Totals ...	2	4	2	1	3	1	1	

There were no non-notified Tuberculosis deaths.

The Death rate from Phthisis Pulmonalis is '60.

A comparison of the vital statistics with those of England and Wales is as follows :

		Birth Rate		General Death Rate		Infantile Death Rate
England and Wales	...	14·9	...	12·4	...	58
New Mills	...	13·63	...	12·79	...	53·09

Your obedient servant,

R. H. TITCOMBE,
Medical Officer of Health.

11th July, 1938.

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FOR THE
URBAN DISTRICT OF NEW MILLS, IN THE COUNTY OF DERBY
on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in
connection with
Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

I—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces, Including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	2	1	0
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	6	0	0
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)	0	0	0
Total	8	1	0

2—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Nuisances under Public Health Acts— Nuisances, Beard Mill	2		2	
Total	2		2	

Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, Section 108
Nil.

R. H. TITCOMBE,

11th July, 1938.

Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Report of Sanitary Inspector

New Mills Urban Sanitary District, 1937

Name of Inspector - JOHN ANTHONY THOMPSON

Area of District ... 5,204 acres
 Estimated number of Houses ... 2,570
 New Houses erected, 1937—(a) by Local Authority ... 20
 (b) by Private Enterprise ... 21

	Number of Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector	Number of Notices served		Number of Nuisances abated with or without Notice
		Informal	Legal	
Closets and Ashpits—				
Defective Privies, Pail Closets and Ashpits (not for conversion) ...	1			1
Defective Water Closets ...	3	3		3
Provision of Additional W C's ...	9			9
Provision of Portable Ashbins ...				77
Drainage—				
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps, Inlets and Drains	30	2		19
Drains obstructed	32	1		22
Other Defects—				
Windows	1	1		1
Water Supply	2			
Foul Condition of Houses	6			2
Offensive Accumulations	4			4
Smoke Nuisances	1			1
Nuisances not specified above ...	20			20
Totals	109	7		159

	Number on Register	Inspections made	Notices served	Nuisances abated with or without Notices
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops ...	85	21		2
Bakehouses ...	14	11		4
Slaughterhouses ...	7			
Offensive Trades ...	2	29		1
Common Lodging-houses ...	1	3		3
Totals ...	109	64		10

11th July, 1938.

(Signed) JOHN A THOMPSON

